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CENTRE SITE AT LAST

At the meeting of city council June 23, approval was given to the commissioners' report which recommended that the city lease a site of approximately 2½ acres to the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association. This site a very desirable one, located at the south-west corner at the intersection at 142 street and 111 avenue, and kitty-corner to the new Coronation Park.

The final arrangements as to the terms and conditions of the lease are to be completed with the city commissioners shortly.

Thanks to the efforts of many, the first leg towards the reality of a Scandinavian Centre is now behind us.

Finnish Society

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Armand Kauppila, 11530-66 St. on the arrival of their son on May 23.

Mrs. Laura Ramo and Miss Raili Ramo were hostesses at a baby shower party given for Mrs. A. Karvonen on June 2. Mrs. Karvonen was taken by surprise when she arrived with her sister-in-law and found the house full of ladies with gifts and good wishes for the baby-to-be. Mrs. Karvonen wishes to thank everyone for the gifts to the baby and her special thanks go to hostesses for the delightful evening.

Mrs. Kerttu Kammonen left for Finland in the beginning of June. Mrs. Kammonen has been in Canada for about eight years and this is her second holiday trip to Europe and to Finland where she plans to spend the summer with friends and relatives.

Mrs. E. Honka, with Miss M. Honka and Mrs. A. Karvonen held a surprise baby shower party for Mrs. J. Sahuri on June 8. Special thanks go to hostesses for the very entertaining and gay evening and for the delicious luncheon that was served, and many thanks to everyone for the lovely gifts that the "new comer" will enjoy when he or she arrives.

Practices of the Finnish Male Choir stopped for a while on account of the holidays. But keep the next practising date, August 4, in mind and come then to 11921 48 St. All men are welcome!

Finnish speaking Pastor Koski will be in Edmonton on July 12. He wishes to hold sermon that afternoon at the Augusta Lutheran Church. For the exact time and place phone GA 2-0260 during the week before July 12.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leino, Mr. and Mrs. L Kuusela and to Mr and Mrs. V. Leino for they all have bought new homes during the last month.

The annual picnic of Finnish Society, on June 20, was not very well attended because it was raining. But we had fun and caught fish and the evening ended nicely with singing although we didn't have the usual bonfire.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama came from California, with her family, to visit her parents here in Edmonton. She also met her brother who had come home from Fort St. John, B.C. for holidays in end of June.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Salo, Mr. and

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Sons Of Norway Solglyt Lodge



IRVING HIGHLAND

DANIA

(Danish Society)

"DANIA'S" board of directors wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to everyone who so generously opened their homes to the young gymnasts during their recent stay in Edmonton. Besides saving considerable expenses, the young people enjoyed their little holiday here much more than would have been the case had it been necessary to stay in hotels. We are sure your kindness was appreciated by everyone. Again, thank you!

Congratulations for their silver wedding anniversary go out to Mr. and Mrs. Ejner Mortensen, June 30; and to Mr. and Mrs. Eigil Larsen, July 10.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Svend H. Christensen on the arrival of a daughter on June 19, a sister to Ronnie. Also best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Vimtrup on the birth of their third daughter.

Mrs. C. Christophersen and Betty are leaving on June 23 for Winnipeg where they will enjoy a five week holiday. Mr. Christophersen will join them for the last two weeks, after which they will motor back to Edmonton. Have a good time

Two miscellaneous showers have been held recently for Miss Alda Mittchel and Miss Greta Granstrom. Miss Mittchel will be the bride of Robert Myrthue on June 27, and Miss Granstrom will be the bride of Dr. Ladimer Dushenski on June 26. Congratulations and best wishes to all of them.

There were about 20 cars full of people enjoying the picnic and fishing trip. The fish did not bite very well that day, however Miss Ellis Petersen (last year's winner) was the only lady who caught a fish, so she was the winner again. Mr. Svend Aage Christensen was the lucky winner among men.

A great interest has been shown in getting a gym team started for both girls and boys. There will be a meeting on Friday July 3, at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Commission Hall, 10280 - 100 St. Come all who possibly can and let us get started as there are many things to be done before the training can begin.

Mrs. V. Hagman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Koivuneva with their families made a weekend trip to Rich Lake on June 19. They reported that weather there was warm and sunny and that they caught many fish and made some arrangements in purchasing land.

Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

The first meeting of the summer season to be held at Scandia Inn, Pigeon Lake took place on Saturday, June 6th. Special guest was Floyd Modin, District Secretary, who promised to submit a full report on the "Vasa Workshop" which was held at Pigeon Lake on May 16, 17 and 18th.

In memory of our departed Brother August Tell who passed away on May 29th at Vancouver, the "Draping of the Charter" ceremony was performed by acting Chaplain Sister Irma McMaster and Past Chairman Eric Pierre.

One new member was accepted into the Vasa Lodge at this meeting. Roger Sund has the distinction of being the first to be initiated at Scandia Inn. Initiating officers are to be commended on a fine job considering that they were called upon to replace, at a moment's notice, the regular initiation staff.

Following the meeting lunch was served and members enjoyed a friendly visit, the discussion centering mainly on such topics as

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Vasa Lodge Nordstjernan

Only a few from the Lodge were able to attend the workshop at Vasa Park. Those who attended thought it was worth while.

Mrs. Gertrude Dickau of Calgary was home over the weekend seeing her mother who has been ill in the hospital for a long time.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. F. Dahlberg who has just come home from a seven-week sojourn in the Wetaskiwin hospital.

Harry Holmlund had the misfortune to be laid up this spring. The neighbors got together one day and helped put in his crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Anderson have sold their farm and are now living in Wetaskiwin.

Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. George Sjorgen on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Sven Sjorgen writes that she is enjoying her holiday with relatives and friends in Sweden.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown motorized to Saskatchewan to visit relatives over the long weekend.

Stanley Sjoberg of Lethbridge was home visiting over the weekend.

Verna Thorsen is now employed at the Health Unit in Calgary, after completing a course at University.

The last meeting was held at George Brown's home with almost a full attendance. Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Rudolph Anderson were chosen delegates to attend the convention. A wiener roast followed the meeting.

Icelandic Society

Mrs. G. Henrickson was honored for her "floor work" in connection with the four-way national convention of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, Ladies Orange Benevolent Association. Visitors from all provinces attended the 129th annual convention of the lodge, held in the MacDonald Hotel. The gathering was given distinction by the presence of the Grand Master of the World, for only once in eighteen years is the province of Alberta the location for the convention.

Mr. John J. Johnson of Vancouver is visiting at the home of his son, Otto Johnson.

Mr. Oli G. Olafson of Winnipeg, formerly of Tantallon, Sask., spent a week in the city as the guest of his son, Mr. Narvi Olafson, who is manager of Fairfields.

Mr. Magnus Eliason, of Winnipeg, Provincial Organizer for the CCF in Manitoba, was in Edmonton for four weeks, prior to the provincial election, having been sent here by the National Organization, to assist the local candidates. He expressed surprise at the landslide of the Social Credit party, and philosophically remarked, "There's always another round." He renewed old friendships at the Annual Picnic of the Icelandic Society.

On June 8, 1959, Carl Gudmundson of Glenavon passed away. He leaves to mourn, his loving wife, two sons, Ben and Donald of Edmonton, three daughters, a sister and brother. Several friends from Edmonton attended the funeral, held in Onoway. The burial took place in the Glenavon Cemetery.

An old time resident of Edmonton, Mr. Sveinn Swanson passed away in the Good Samaritan Hospital on May 30. Surviving him are his son Harold, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two sisters. Interment took place in the Mount Pleasant cemetery. Mr. G. Henrickson acted as a pallbearer.

Curling enthusiasts will be interested in hearing of the success of Mr. Ole (Elias) Olson of Edmonton at the International Bonspiel, held in San Francisco the last week in May. About twenty-five rinks from all parts of the U.S., from Alberta and British Columbia were entered, and the local rink won both the first and second events. Members of the rink, entered under the name of Bill Graham were Lorne Morris and Mr. McDougall. Herb, a son of Ole Olson, won the Alberta Championship, and was a runner-up for the "Brier", last winter; so the curling skill seems to be a family trait. On June 12 the family and friends were present at the marriage of another son, Roy Elias Olson to Miss June Brenda, daughter of Mrs. Slingsby of England. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Miss Irene Henrickson was among the thirty-five students receiving their caps at exercises marking the first mile-stone in their training.

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SEE THE SCANDINAVIAN BOOTH AND FLOAT

Remember Picnic On July 26 + *

EDITORIAL

From The Secretary's Desk

A lot of things flow across your secretary's desk. As I am writing this, we still have had no decision from the city with regard to a suitable site for our Centre. By the time this goes to the press, we will have met city council again on June 22, and I do hope that we have a definite decision on this vitally important matter.

In the meantime, I want to draw your attention to three outstanding events during this month of July. Right now you should reserve on your calendar the following three important dates: July 13, July 21, and July 26.

On July 13, we launch the annual Scandinavian float in the Edmonton Exhibition parade. This year the theme is "Aviation," be sure to come out and see it. So far its design is a secret. The work is placed in the hands of Mr. K. L. Svidal and Mr. G. A. Larson, and what they will come up with, I am sure, will be a surprise and a pleasure for all of us to see.

The Scandinavian float leads naturally to the Exhibition grounds, where you will find the Scandinavian booth. Here too, there will be surprises for you. This work is under the direction of Carl Quitzau and Jack Luoma, with the able assistance of Art Andersen. There will be a raffle of a fine refrigerator and electric range. Be sure to get your tickets early, so that you too will have a chance on these valuable prizes at the Scandinavian booth. When you attend the Exhibition, be sure to visit the Scandinavian booth and enjoy the excellent coffee and Scandinavian delicacies.

Then following Exhibition week, on Tuesday, July 21, we will be favored with a visit from Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The provincial government is holding a royal dinner in their honor. At this dinner we will be ably represented by our president, Mr. G. A. Larson and his wife. Although we cannot all attend the dinner, I am sure we will all look forward to coming out and getting a glimpse of the royal couple.

Then on July 26, the annual Scandinavian picnic will be held at Elk Island Park. Here Scandinavians meet from all of northern Alberta; and friends you have not seen for years often turn up. This is an all day picnic, with an afternoon program featuring Scandinavian talent and a sports program for young and old.

The standing Scandinavian Cultural Committee, headed by Mrs. Vera Nielsen, is in charge of this affair. The members of the committee are as follows: Mrs. Sumaridason, Mrs. Lily Taylor, Mr. E. Luhtala, Mr. B. Owren, and Mr. G. A. Larson. You will readily see that we have an outstanding committee of the members, who are closely in touch with the cultural life of our community. We can look forward to them doing an outstanding job in the way of providing entertainment at Elk Island Park. Be sure to come and enjoy yourself at the annual Scandinavian picnic, July 26.

Why Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton?

Edmonton is a boisterous, growing, progressive city. No doubt the name Edmonton runs over the lips of people everywhere throughout the world.

The many diversified interests and characters of a mixed population will leave its stamp on present and future developments. It seems only fair to assume that the Scandinavian people should fit in somewhere in this future progress.

Forward-looking members of the Alberta Legislature saw fit to recognize certain aspects in their presentation of the two beautiful auditoriums to the people of this province. The value of culture is now being recognized on a national scale, in debates in the House of Commons, in large sums set aside to promote interest in Canadian talent deployment.

In setting up a co-operative organization, we endeavored to create a flexible pool that would serve all the people. Those who are sceptic and uncertain in viewing the activities of this co-operative must do a bit of soul-searching and find their own answer. Never has anyone been offered a greater opportunity to re-assess the values and textures of a compliant social directive.

Have the Scandinavian people any adjective components to offer, do we realize that inaction leads to decay? Each day is a lost day in indecision. It is easy to accept co-operative principles—it is flexible, it moves in conformity, but it needs nourishment.

The decision to build a Scandinavian Centre is a serious decision. To manage and operate such a centre in the highest standard of respect will result in the general acceptance of the Scandinavians and their culture as a valuable asset.

If we should fail in our objective . . . if this one and only organization of its kind in Canada should founder because of a listless attitude by the individual and a lack of concern by the organized groups, then friends! the day will come when our recognition will be listed in the obituary columns!

—Mons Eliasson, Director.

In Appreciation

The donation of \$25 given to the Scandinavian Centre News by the Danish Society was greatly appreciated and will aid in meeting the expenses of publication. Through this column we extend our sincere thanks to the membership of Danish Society for the gift.

The aim of the newspaper is to reach as many Scandinavians as possible, therefore your correspondents would appreciate being notified of changes of address and names of other interested persons who wish to receive the paper.

City Optometrist, Earl G. Berg Returns From Los Angeles

Dr. Earl G. Berg, who has recently completed a post graduate course in optometry in Los Angeles, has returned to his practice in Edmonton. The two main courses covered by his advanced studies were contact lenses and California styling. He now has his Doctor's Degree in optometry.

Dr. Berg's family motored to Los Angeles to spend a week's holiday with him before returning home at the end of May. They travelled via the Redwood Forest road on the west coast of California and Oregon.

Icelandic Society

(Continued from Page 1) ing in the Royal Alexandra Hospital recently. Irene placed second, being one point below the winning award for the highest standing in class average.

Mrs. A. E. Robertson has returned from attending the wedding, in Cloverdale B.C., of her nephew, Dr. Bruce Steinson to Dr. June Schoenly. The young couple motorized to St. John's Newfoundland where they plan to intern, following their graduation from UBC. While in B.C., Mrs. Robertson was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Helge Paulson and her sister, Mrs. Scott Steinson of Cloverdale.

Threatening skies the morning of the Icelandic Picnic day did not dampen the spirits of the large turnout for the fun, sports and festivities arranged by the energetic committee. By mid-afternoon sunny skies and warm breezes made the park a happy spot for the annual get-together. Races with prizes, treats and a tournament of horse-shoes were staged, prior to the crowning of the new queen, Mrs. Pat Lane, by the former queen, Miss Ila Arnfjorson of Wetaskiwin. A bevy of her smallest subjects escorted the new queen to and from the stand, and many cameras in evidence promise a chance to view the pictures at the first fall meeting of the club. High winds and a dust storm appeared during the pleasant supper hour, but baseball players and fans cheering the play brought the third annual picnic to a successful conclusion.

Mrs. Freda Smith has consented to act as correspondent for the Scandinavian Centre News for the coming issues, during the absence of your regular reporters. Any news items should be sent to her at 11547-91 St. phone GR 7-5557.

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What's Cooking?

Wind-hat Pudding (Tuulihattuvanukas)

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup of shortening
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of milk
2 eggs, 3 tbsp. of sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. of salt, fruits (apples, berries, plums)

Butter the pudding-pan, put all fruits in one layer in the bottom of the pan, add some sugar if desired. Cook shortening and flour. Add milk and let it boil till it thickens; add salt. Beat eggs and sugar and blend it well to the mixture. Pour the mixture on top of the fruits. Cook in moderate oven for about 20 minutes.

Fish Rolls

4-5 plums
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of whitefish
shortening and salt

Soak and cook plums, remove stones and chop the plums fine. Clean fish and remove spine-bones. Sprinkle the fish with salt, spread plums on the fish adding few pieces of shortening. Roll fish towards the tail. Fasten with string or toothpicks. Cook in the pan till it is beautifully brown. Add the plum-boiling water and cover; let simmer for about 10 minutes. Serve with vegetables.

Hamburger Loaf

1 lb. hamburger
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onions
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
1 beaten egg, 1 tsp. salt, pepper to taste.

Stir all together and place in baking dish. Spread top with tomato ketchup. Bake 3/4 hours in medium heat.

The average growth of the fingernails is a little more than one and one-half inches a year.

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"What did your wife say when you got home from the club dinner the other night?" asked Jones of his colleague.

"Not a word. I was going to have my two front teeth extracted, anyway!"

Mark Twain held his new-born baby in his arms.

"Well," said his wife, "tell me that you like babies."

"No I don't like them," answered Mark Twain, "but I honour this one — because of his father."

The courtroom was crowded as the judge finished his lecture to the defendant in a divorce action.

"So I've decided to give your wife \$40 per month," were his last words.

"That's fine, judge," the husband said as his face lit up with a big smile. "I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks now and then myself."

A young father was pushing a baby carriage in which an infant was screaming. Wheeling the howling baby, he kept murmuring gently, "Easy now, Donald. Keep calm, Donald. Steady boy. It's all right, Donald."

A mother passing by paused to say, "You certainly know how to talk to an upset child — quietly and gently." Then, leaning over the carriage, she said, "What seems to be the trouble, Donald?"

"Oh, no," said the father. "He's Lawrence, I'm Donald."

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And I know I am happy for being alive,
For walking through meadows and for seeing the sky.
I pick up a flower and pray that each day
That passes would bring me a little of this,
A little of sunshine and yet, if I may,
Have a walk through meadows once more like this.

—A. K. Sakuri.

Vasa Lodge

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lake lots, cabins, boats and the summer fun ahead.

Two visitors from Sweden were welcomed. Martin Lindstrom who is a distant relative of Harold Markstrom, arrived recently from Västerboten, and will be making his home with the Markstroms. Hans Evert, the second visitor, arrived from Stockholm recently, and also plans to make his home in Edmonton. We are pleased indeed to be able to extend a welcoming hand to these newcomers from the old country, and hope that in joining our group they will feel just a little closer to home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lars Erickson returned recently from a holiday trip to Harrison Hot Springs and Kamloops, B.C. where they visited their daughter Lulu and son-in-law Harold Lundgren and granddaughter Lisa Ann. They report a splendid holiday.

Congratulations to Violet and Bert Watson on the birth of a daughter Alyson Kim on May 14th.

Mr. R. Roos has commenced building his cabin at Pigeon Lake, and Mrs. Pete Petterson has picked out her lot with plans to build shortly.

Mrs. Martha Hokanson from Vancouver visited Mrs. Mary Pearson and other friends in Edmonton. Together they travelled to Peace River to visit Mrs. Hokanson's son Ernie and family.

A farewell party was held at the home of Mrs. A. Samuelson on Thursday, June 12th for Gordon Samuelson who is being transferred to Lloydminster. A gift of an alarm clock was presented to him by Mrs. Margaret Eliasson on behalf of the folk-dancing team for which Gordon has been accordianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nordin from Vancouver visited friends in Edmonton over the Victoria Day weekend.

Miss Barbo Backstrom, who came from Stockholm in 1957 and who has spent the last few months in Pasadena, California, returned to Edmonton on June 5th. Her fiance, Len Erickson, is a member of the folk-dancing team recently organized.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Reverend W. Anderson, District Cultural Leader from Calgary. He passed away enroute to Calgary following the Vasa Workshop meet at Pigeon Lake in May.

OBITUARY

Brother August Tell, who was born in Malmö Sweden on September 1879, passed away on May 29, 1959 at Vancouver General Hospital. The funeral was held on June 1st in Vancouver.

Brother Tell is survived by his

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As Fast As Ordinary Machine

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Given reasonable practice, the machine can be operated at the speed of normal writing with pen and ink. Practised operators can attain the speed of an ordinary typewriter, and a well-trained person can do 150 letters a minute. Since Braille uses many abbreviations, the same number of letters in fact gives far more text than ordinary script.

Two models are made, one for two hands and another for one hand. Some persons prefer the latter, as they are able to check their typing with their free hand as they go along. The two-handed machine is more useful to seeing persons. The design of these machines pays particular attention to two points. They are made as sturdy as possible so as to protect the blind user. The fact that Braille paper gives off more dust than ordinary paper has also been taken into account.

The principal purchasers of these machines are institutions and associations for the blind. One of the chief reasons why the price is so low is that there are no middlemen.

The use of Braille typewriters in the care of the blind is making headway all over the world, and the Danish firm has supplied them to many countries through UNESCO. A Braille typewriter can indeed revolutionize a blind person's life. Useful for typing ordinary texts it is excellent for keeping accounts and it can also be used for musical notation, as the same signs are employed with different meanings.

The board and pin may be adequate for taking notes, but in work of any length they are a great waste of time. As a leading Danish welfare worker has said, there is the same difference between pin and typewriter as between wheelbarrow and car.

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New Cities In Finland

A report from Helsinki tells that six towns will become cities during the next year. The celebrated cities will be Seinajoki, Rovaniemi, Kouvola, Hyvinkää, Riihimaki and Salo.

Royal Cooking Feast

King Frederik's winter holiday (at the royal family's hunting lodge at Trend, North Jutland) was a male occasion. The cooking was done in turn by the King, his guest and adjutant, and the King's chamberlain and chauffeur.

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BE CAREFUL

ON WATER

On these days we usually have great temptation to go on or into water. Water is cool and so nice to be in. But—remember that people get killed in water accidents, because they are careless or non-swimmers. Even if one can swim it doesn't mean that he is safe on the water unless he is careful.

Some 1000 Canadians lose their lives by drowning each year, through accidents which could be prevented.

In June we had a National Water Safety Week, which should remind us to be careful on water—always.

Don't stand on the boat! Have your safety jacket on you rather than with you! Don't swim alone! Those are only a few of the many things that we should keep in mind. So please, be careful! Think! Don't sink!

Gardeners' July Reminder

Limited water supply may be your major trouble this month. Water thoroughly at least once a week, but don't waste water by frequent sprinkling. Plant new iris clumps, and divide old ones. Plant perennial seed and transplant seedlings. Begin Japanese-beetle control.

Stake and tie growing plants. Set out spring-blooming rock-garden plants. Protect from drought and sun. Cut flowers regularly. Feed dahlias and chrysanthemums. Replace the dahlias' temporary starting stakes with full-size stakes, and tie plants properly. Place all house plants out in protected garden location. Build framework for compost pile. Apply broadleaf weed killer to lawn. Prune rambler and climber roses after blooming.

Our Garden

Into the ground some seeds we sow
We choose the best so they will grow
Prepare the soil, add water too,
Pull out the weeds, that's what to do.

Throughout our days some deeds we do,
We have a choice to make, that's true.
Be sure our lives are lined with care
So that good deeds will flourish there.

Weed out unkindness, greed and hate
Nourish with thoughts that will cultivate
The best that's in us and life will bear
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Sons Of Norway

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bid farewell to his Norwegian friends and start his trip homeward bringing with him a wealth of exciting experiences to discuss with his family and friends.

Friends from Norway visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jacobsen recently. They are in Canada for the summer and are presently working at Banff.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. Melhus on the arrival of their first granddaughter on June 6.

Friends of Mrs. Borgerson are pleased to hear that she is well again after her recent illness.

ST. HANS FEST

In the beautiful outdoor setting at the junction of Whitemud and Blackmud Creek the Sons of Norway held their annual St. Hans Fest. Members and friends gathered around a blazing bonfire on the evening of June 19, to enjoy their lunch, toast marshmallows, play games and sing.

MY ALASKAN CRUISE

By Mrs. M. MacDonald

Alaskan hospitality and the majestic scenery of the new state will long be a happy memory in my mind and a delightful topic of conversation. I was the only Canadian member of the Sons of Norway Lodge to embark on the Alaskan cruise together with 114 members from across the line, from different parts of the United States.

We sailed from Vancouver on May 14 aboard the SS Glacier Queen for a trip through Alaska's famed "Inside Passage," where we had an extensive view of much of southern Alaska and also visited the cities in which three of the four Alaskan lodges are situated.

Elaborate arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the visitors on May 17 at Petersburg, where a spring festival was scheduled in observance of Armed Forces Day, Norwegian 17de Mai Fest and the start of the summer work season. Events included a program by the armed services, open house, a Chamber of Commerce cocktail party, a Sons of Norway Smorgasbord, a salmon derby, a salmon bake, a program of local talent with Norwegian Consul C. A. Staus of Seattle as speaker.

Petersburg with a population of 1,800 people is situated on an island. The Glacier Queen was the first passenger ship to call there in three years. The entire group of citizens met the boat, all attired in colorful Norwegian costumes and carrying banners of welcome. The Lodge's Junior Band were decked out in beautiful blue uniforms and greeted us with delightful music. Many service men flew in to attend the big dinner that night.

In Juneau the travellers enjoyed a three-hour tour to the Glaciers. Others remained in the city to learn all they could about the capital of Alaska, a typically American city.

Aboard ship a new Lodge was organized by our Supreme President Mr. I. Highland who was also our host together with his wife

LIFE GUARD'S TRICENTENARY

On June 30 this year the Royal Danish Life Guard will celebrate its tricentenary. The Life Guard is familiar to every Danish child and all tourists, as a detachment of the Guard marches daily from the barracks to the palace, where the changing of the guard takes place at noon. On special days the guardsmen wear red gala uniform and the colorful everyday uniform includes a black bear skin (for which the Danish embassy in Ottawa has just procured new skin of Canadian bear). While the guard is celebrating, naval bluejackets will mount guard at the royal palaces.

Miss Universe Of 1953 Married Manila Millionaire

MANILA (AP)—The first Miss Universe—Armi Kuusela of Finland, crowned at Long Beach, Calif., in 1953—now leads a quiet life here with her Filipino husband, Virgilio Hilario, and three children.

"My children (Arne, Anna-Lisa and Eva Marita) seem to be my chief hobby now. They keep me busy all day," she said recently.

Home for them is a modern, air-conditioned bungalow in fashionable Forbes Park—Manila's millionaires' row.

"I would describe my life here as a very quiet one. We love to stay home with the family as often as possible," she said.

Except for a light matronly bearing, 24-year-old Armi's Nordic beauty seems untouched by the tropics, motherhood and the task of keeping house for her 30-year-old realtor-builder husband.

Armi has been so busy raising her family she hasn't followed the Miss Universe contests closely.

She met Hilario, scion of a wealthy landowning family, in 1953 in Manila when the then Miss Universe came to visit the Philippines. A whirlwind courtship wound up at a wedding ceremony in Tokyo on May 4 of that year. They visited Finland in 1955.

Language has never been a problem because she speaks fluent English, spoken by the vast majority of people here. She hasn't had much of a chance to teach her children her native tongue "because I'm the only one who speaks the language here and I don't want them to get confused."

Armi is learning Tagalog, the Philippines national language, with the aid of her household help, as fast as Virgilio is learning Finnish from her and a newly-arrived couple from Finland.

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as hostess. Members on board became charter members of the "Alaska Sons of Norway Lodge."

Skagway was our next stop. Here we were met again by the town population including the gold king, and the oldest prospector. We were entertained that night with the staging of the "Gold Rush," a very interesting and historical play.

Ketchikan with a population of 18,000 was our next and last stop. Here again we were made welcome by the Lodge in which there were over 400 members. Events included sightseeing tours, coffee party, cocktail party and a banquet. I might add that these places had cut flowers flown in from Seattle and they were elaborate.

The Sons of Norway Lodges are planning on making the Alaska Cruise an annual event and I would strongly recommend such a holiday a delightful one.

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